SITUATION REPORT NO. 14
INCIDENT NO. 2001- 005
DATE: April 18, 2001   TIME: 1:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1.   <u>NATURE OF DISASTER</u>: Spring Flooding.

2.   <u>DEATHS AND INJURIES</u>: No change from previous reports.

3.   <u>DAMAGES</u>: The Red River of the North continues to fall at Wahpeton, Fargo and Grand Forks. The river at Wahpeton measured 14.66 feet today, a 0.21-foot decrease during the past 24 hours. The river at Fargo measured 34.04 feet, a 0.89-foot decrease during the past 24 hours. The level at Grand Forks measured 43.84 feet, a 0.33 -foot decrease. Meanwhile, the Red River continues to rise downstream. The river at Drayton measured 41.24 feet, a 0.26-foot increase during the past 24 hours. No reading was available today for Pembina.

Stutsman County officials have reported three homes with basement water problems at this time. Additionally, some homeowners along the James River, downstream of the Pipestem and Jamestown dams, are reporting severe bank erosion.

Because of the volume of water in the James River system, to include the Jamestown Dam, the city of Jamestown and locations downstream remain vulnerable to flooding if significant precipitation occurs in the basin.

In Benson County, officials report culvert and road damage as a result of spring runoff and heavy ground saturation.

N.D. Highway 200, from Hurdsfield to Junction 52, has been reopened for traffic. An April 18 report by the N.D. Department of Transportation indicates that four locations on state highways remain closed because of floodwaters. Those locations include: N.D. Highway 66 at mile marker 138 to the Red River; N.D. Highway 5 at mile marker 335 to the Red River; U.S. Highway 81 between Columbia and Bacon Roads in Grand Forks; and N.D. Highway 11 from Fairmount to the Red River. Highways with water on the roadways and where traffic is allowed include three locations: N.D. Highway 54, from I-29 to Oslo; N.D. Highway 14, approximately 4.5 miles south of Anamoose; and N.D. Highway 36 at mile marker 34, four miles west of Tuttle. DOT officials anticipate that floodwaters may soon inundate N.D. Highway 3 at mile marker 132.

The National Weather Service (NWS) canceled its flood warning for the Sheyenne River at West Fargo. The river measured 19.7 feet at West Fargo; flood stage is 16.5 feet. A flood warning remains in effect for Harwood, where the level was 889.5 feet, 5.5 feet above its flood stage. The river at both West Fargo and

Harwood will continue a slow fall. River levels at Kindred and Lisbon are expected to remain steady. The river was below flood stage at Kindred and at flood stage in Lisbon.

4.   <u>RESOURCES</u>:

    <u>LOCAL</u>: No change from previous reports.

    <u>STATE</u>: No change from previous reports.

    <u>FEDERAL</u>: No change from previous reports.

5.   <u>VOLUNTEER ACTION</u>:

6.   <u>MAJOR ACTIONS</u>: The USACE and local officials continue to monitor conditions along the Red and Pembina Rivers.

    The Grand Forks Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will remain open 24 hours a day until April 22, when operating hours will be reduced. Crews are scheduled to open the clay dike on U.S. Highway 81. Other clay dikes will remain in place until further notice. The city coordinated with East Grand Forks to open Point Bridge by 5 p.m. April 18.

    Ransom County officials issued a disaster declaration. An assessment of infrastructure damages is underway.

    The Benson and Stutsman County Commissions issued emergency declarations. Richland County and Cass County upgraded their emergency declarations to disaster declarations and are beginning to assess damages.

7.   <u>ASSISTANCE NEEDED</u>: No additional requests have been received.

8.   <u>OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE</u>: No change from previous reports.

9.   <u>OTHER</u>: Appropriate state and local emergency operations plans have been implemented.

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                                   Douglas C. Friez, State Director